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CLAIMS:

1. Use of a modified naturally occurring polysaccharide gum having β_{1-4} linkages,
5 the modified polysaccharide having a weight average molecular weight of 250,000 or less, preferably 100,000 or less, more preferably 75,000 or less, to confer a benefit to a textile fabric during laundering thereof.
2. Use according to claim 1, wherein the modified polysaccharide is derived from a
10 naturally occurring polysaccharide selected from galactomannan (e.g. derived from locust bean gum or guar gum), glucomannan (e.g. Konjac glucomannan), xyloglucan (e.g. tamarind xyloglucan), xanthan gum and mixtures thereof.
3. Use according to either preceding claim, wherein the modified polysaccharide is
15 neutral or anionic.
4. A detergent composition comprising surfactant and modified polysaccharide as defined in any of claims 1-3.
- 20 5. A composition according to claim 4, wherein the amount of surfactant is from 5% to 50% by weight of the composition and the amount of modified polysaccharide is from 0.01% to 25% by weight of the composition.
6. Use of a polysaccharide gum having β_{1-4} linkages, to confer a benefit to a textile
25 fabric during laundering thereof.
7. Use according to claim 6, wherein the polysaccharide is an unmodified version of a polysaccharide as defined in claim 2 or claim 3.

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8. A detergent composition, comprising surfactant and a polysaccharide as defined in claim 5 or claim 6.

9. A composition according to claim 8, wherein the amount of surfactant is from
5 5% to 50% by weight of the composition and the amount of polysaccharide is from
0.01% to 25% by weight of the composition.